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For	: ELECTRONIC ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM		

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 8, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 8, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.